

**8th Sunday After Pentecost  
July 31, 2022**

**Gathering**  
*God invites us to enter His presence*

**Prelude**


**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

 **Call to Worship** *(Responsively)*

*Celia Weber*

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
who has worked wonders,  
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.  
**The Lord has made known salvation;  
has shown justice to the nations;  
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
**Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
sing out your joy.**  
Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,  
with the sound of music.  
**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord.**

 **Invocation** *(Responsively)*

*Celia Weber*

God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.  
**You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need.**  
God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin.  
**You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world.**  
God, our Comforter, you are with us always.  
**You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth.**  
Almighty God, for your gracious love for us, we praise you.  
**Amen.**

 **Hymn**

*Mighty to Save*

*Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations*

*Chorus*  
*Saviour He can move the mountains*  
*My God is mighty to save*  
*He is mighty to save*  
*Forever Author of salvation*  
*He rose and conquered the grave*  
*Jesus conquered the grave*

*So take me as You find me*  
*All my fears and failures*  
*Fill my life again*  
*I give my life to follow*  
*Ev'rything I believe in*  
*Now I surrender*

*Chorus*

*Bridge*  
*Shine your light and let the whole world see*  
*We're singing*  
*For the glory of the risen King*  
*Jesus*  
*Shine your light and let the whole world see*  
*We're singing*  
*For the glory of the risen King*

*Chorus*

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Call to Confession**

*Celia Weber*

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us,  
we often act in destructive and hateful ways.  
We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law.  
Together let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Celia Weber*

Often, O holy and righteous God,  
we dare your justice, mock your mercy,  
jeer your patience, slight your power, and  
show contempt for your love.  
We even say "I'm sorry" insincerely and confess our sin flippantly.  
We plead your help  
to own up carefully to how we have wronged you,  
to admit honestly how we have grieved you,  
to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon.  
We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Time for Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

There is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*

### Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation** As we come before God with our tithes and offerings,  
let us remember the words of Micah 6:  
What does the Lord require of us?  
To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with  
our God. Thus we bring our money, gifts, and whole  
lives as an offering to our God.

### Offering

#### Offertory

*Holy, Holy, Holy  
Thomas Alberici—Piano*

*Dykes*

### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men*

### Prayer of Dedication

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts,  
signs of your goodness and mercy.  
Receive them with our gratitude,  
that through us all people may know  
the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. **Amen.**



**Hymn 501**

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

**Proclaiming**

***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 128*

A song of ascents.

<sup>1</sup>How happy is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!

<sup>2</sup>You will surely eat  
what your hands have worked for.  
You will be happy,  
and it will go well for you.

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house,  
your children, like young olive trees  
around your table.

<sup>4</sup>In this very way  
the man who fears the LORD  
will be blessed.

<sup>5</sup>May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
so that you will see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life

<sup>6</sup>and will see your children's children!  
Peace be with Israel.

**Sermon**

*Psalm 128*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**

***We respond to God's Word***



**Hymn**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name*

**Pre-Chorus**

*Ev'ry blessing You pour out  
I'll Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say*

**Chorus**

*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name*

*And blessed be your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be you name*

**Pre-Chorus****Chorus****Bridge (x2)**

*You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name*

**Chorus (x2)****! Profession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)**

**My only comfort in life and in death is  
that I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

## Prayers of the People

### Commissioning

*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*



Hymn 125

*Joy to the World!*



Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partner is  
Jim Fox*



Postlude